



# **CYPS Overview and Scrutiny Committee 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**



**Consultation on support for SEND and  
young people who need support to stay  
in education**

**17<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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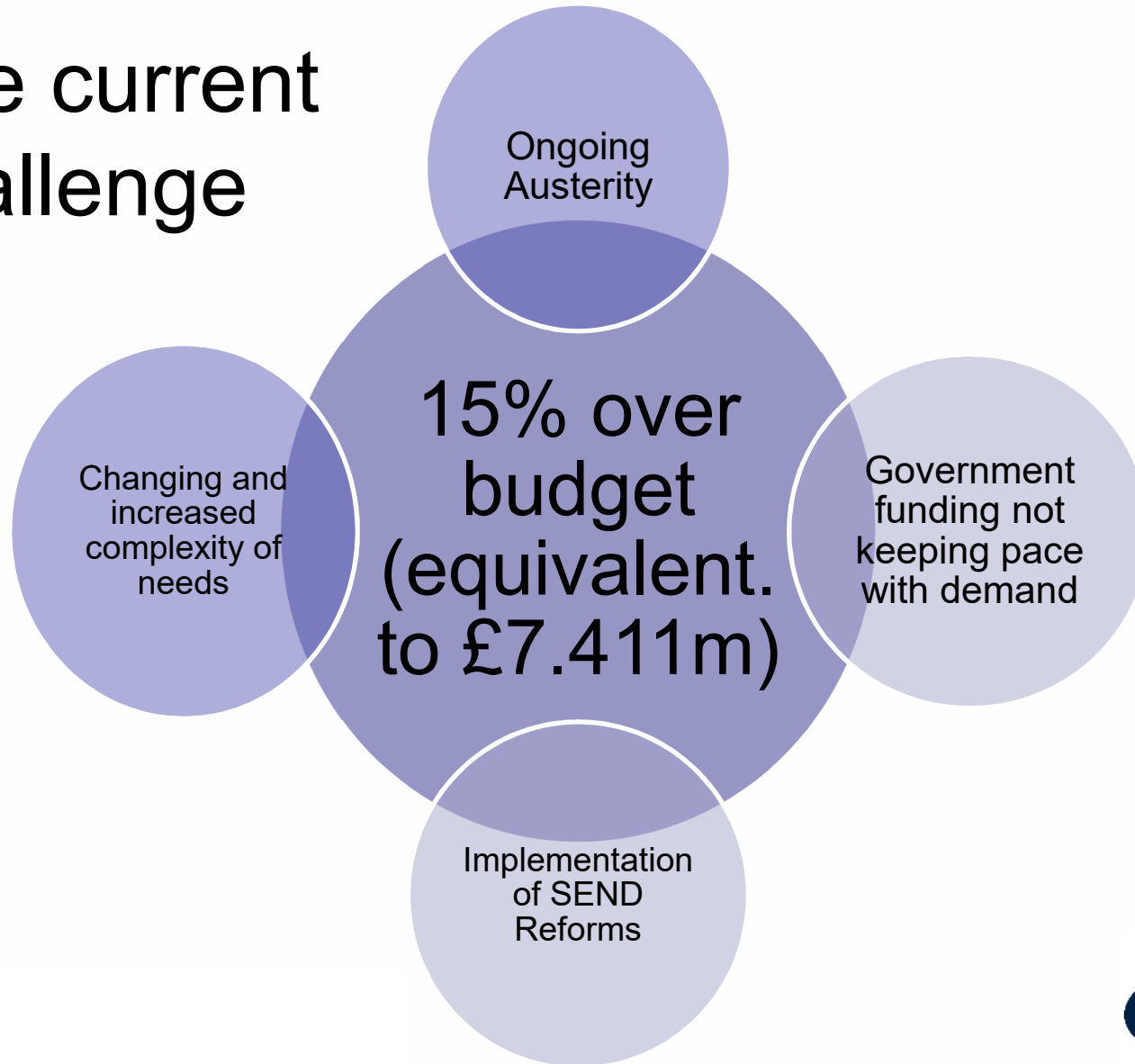


# Introduction



- **Consultation underway on our services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and those who need support to stay in education.**
- **Outline of current challenges**
- **Consultation Approach and Proposals**
- **Consultation Plan**
- **Next Steps and Recommendations**

# The current challenge



# Overall spending

Financial Year	HNB for Durham [£'000]	ESFA deduction* [£'000]	Net sum received by DCC [£'000]	Actual or Forecast Spend by DCC [£'000]	(Under) / over spend [£'000]
<b>Actual</b>					
<b>2015/16</b>	46,578	-3,093	43,485	40,685	(2,800)
<b>2016/17</b>	47,325	-2,924	44,391	45,491	1,100
<b>2017/18</b>	48,936	-4,379	44,557	49,209	4,652
<b>2018/19</b>	51,130	-4,400	46,730	54,141	7,411
<b>Initial Forecast</b>					
<b>2019/20</b>	52,707	-3,906	48,801	55,500	6,699

\* ESFA deduction relates to payments made directly to some institutions, such as academies and FE colleges, directly by ESFA.



# The Aims of the Consultation

- Through the consultation we want to work with local families, communities and learning providers to help shape how we best meet the needs of children and young people with the money available to us.
- We want to try and ensure we can provide the right support, at the right time, in the right place for children and young people across the county who have higher needs.



# The proposals:

- Suggest a new approach to meeting needs more effectively;
- Suggest how the Council might be able to support children with very high needs, with less reliance on placements a long way from home;
- Look at how the Council might make specialist support available to children in mainstream schools who would benefit;
- Outline new ways of meeting the needs of children who are excluded or for whom mainstream school is not the best option;
- Suggest how the Council's approach to Post 16 education might help young people progress towards employment and independent living.

# What are we consulting on?

Central services including support to nursery pupils and sensory and learning difficulties

Funding and places in special schools

The commissioning of support services such as integrated therapies, equipment, aids and adaptations

Top up and targeted funding to schools for young people with extra needs and Post 16 provision

Financial support provided through local partnerships of schools

The pupil referral unit and alternative provision

# Consultation Plan

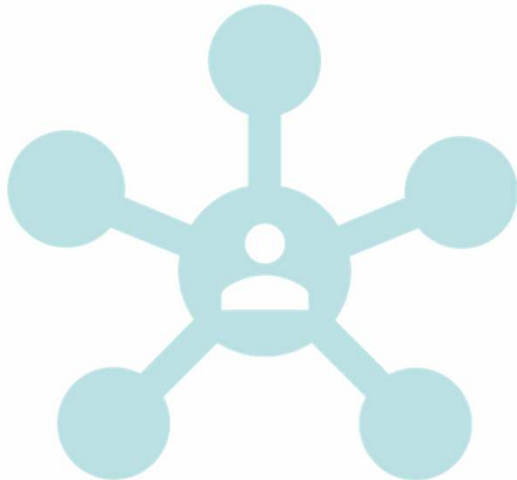
- **17<sup>th</sup> July – launch of consultation**
  - Webpage live <http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation>
  - Notifications to key stakeholders (letters to all schools and parents/carers/guardians)
  - Extranet
  - Social media posts – video
- **July/Aug/Sep**
  - Information to local councillors, Area Action Partnerships, and voluntary sector organisations.
  - Briefings at meetings for DCC members and key officers
  - Meetings of professionals representing schools, special schools, alternative education providers, post 16 learning providers and independent providers
- **September/October**
  - Reminder of consultation (following school holidays)
  - Scrutiny, Durham Schools Forum
  - Focus groups for special interest groups which represent children and young people as well as parents and carers
- **17 October - End of consultation**
- **13 November – findings and recommendations to Cabinet**





# Next Steps

- Collation of responses and further development of proposals
- Equality impact analysis work
- Further work and assumptions regarding forecast demand and expected resources
- Report to Cabinet in autumn 2019
- Further options will also be considered for reducing the overspend/developing services to better meet local needs



# Recommendations

It is recommended that Members of CYPS Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

i) Consider the contents of the report and the consultation proposals available on the council's website at:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation>; and

ii) Give views on the consultation programme.